

CLAIM AMENDMENTS

1.(Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a tubular filter element for use in connection with gas turbines, the ~~filter element~~ method comprising centrally arranging a hollow tubular inner insert inside of a hollow tubular outer insert in which a hollow inner insert is arranged centrally relative to the outer insert, securing a top flange at one end of said inserts comprising end edges to which a top flange is secured at one end, and stiffening said inserts to form said tubular filter element being stiffened by providing a stiffening a net, the net provided by method comprising applying a hardenable liquid mass (5) to the outer and/or inner side of the tubular inserts filter element by discharging means of one or more nozzles (4, 7), the liquid discharged from the one or more nozzles hardening to form the net, said nozzles (4, 7) being movable while moving the nozzles relative to the tubular inserts, and hardening the liquid mass to stiffen the inserts for forming the filter element (1).

2.(Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a filter element according to claim 1, further comprising applying the liquid mass (5) so as to form one or more rings (8) which surround the tubular inserts, one or more nozzles (4, 7) being stationary in the longitudinal direction relative to the tubular filter element (1), while rotating the tubular filter element (1) a number of rotations about a longitudinal axis thereof, and oscillating one or more nozzles (4, 7) with an oscillation greater than or equal to a distance between two rings (8) and smaller than or equal to the length of the filter element (1),

thereby applying and forming connecting lines (9) between the rings (8), the rings and connecting lines forming the net.

3.(Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a filter element according to claim 1 or 2, characterized in that the rings (8) formed from the liquid mass (5) extend helically, one or more rings (8) formed along the outer and/or inner surface of the filter element (1).

4.(Previously Presented) A method of manufacturing a filter element according to claim 1 or 2, further comprising using one or more nozzles (4, 7) to apply the liquid mass (5) in rings (8) along the outer and/or inner surface of the filter element (1), said rings being arranged in planes essentially parallel with end faces (10, 11) of the filter element.

5.(Currently Amended) A method of manufacturing a filter element according to claims 1 or 2 further comprising using one or more nozzles (4) to first apply the liquid mass (5) in rings (8), rotating the tubular filter element (1) about a longitudinal axis thereof and moving the tubular filter element to and fro in a longitudinal direction with an oscillation greater than or equal to a distance between two rings (8) and smaller than or equal to a length of the filter element (1) for applying connecting lines (9) between the rings (8).

6.(Cancelled).

7.(Previously Presented) A method according to claim 1, characterized in that the filter element (1) is made of combustible materials.